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SUBJECT: UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCLANT INFO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
FROM COMICEDEFOR NOV 18TH REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO:

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UK ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE (U)

1. (C) MR PETUR SIGURDSSON, DIRECTOR ICELANDIC COAST CONTACTED
ORIGINATOR THIS DATE AND SAID HE CALLED TO TELL ME "WHAT IS
HAPPENING." HE SAID "THERE MAY BE ESCALATION" IN THE FISHERIES
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DISPUTE WITH THE UK. HE ADDED "IF HATTERSLEY DOESN'T

STOP THERE 'WILL' BE ESCALATION." SIGURDSSON
BELIEVES THE BRITISH ARE GOING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE THEY
MADE TWICE BEFORE BY UNDERESTIMATING ICELANDIC DETERMINATION TO
PROTECT THEIR FISHERIES ZONE. HE WAS VERY CRITICAL OF BRITISH
NEGOTIATOR HATTERSLEY AND REPEATED "IF THEY THINK WE ARE NOT
SERIOUS, THEY ARE MAKING A VERY, VERY BIG MISTAKE."
HE STATED THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL BE SEVERLY CRITICIZED
NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO, BUT "IF ANY GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE A
SETTLEMENT, THIS GOVERNMENT CAN. NO OTHER GOVERNMENT COULD DO
IT." HE ENDED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING "WE ARE
WONDERING HOW TO HELP THE BRITISH OUT OF A TOUGH POSITION."

2. THIS WAS THE FIRST DIRECT CONTACT ORIGINATOR HAS HAD WITH MR
SIGURDSSON IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. PRIOR TO THE CURRENT FISHERIES
DISPUTE THREE TO FIVE CALLS PER WEEK WAS NORMAL.

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